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SUBJECT: Operational GROOVY LCIMPROVE PERAMPART
 Suspected RIS Network in the Linz Area

ACTED THROUGH: H/UN/113

See Paragraph 1

- A. EASA-5890, 4 October 1963
- B. EAVA-32680, 8 November 1963
- C. EASW-1641, 15 November 1963

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1. Pursuant to your follow-up of the 513th's initial disclosures concerning what it believes to be an RIS network operating in and/or through the Linz area, we shall welcome early receipt of a copy of the report Lt. Col. TIPA promised to furnish COS per reference B. As you will appreciate, we share your interest in obtaining sufficient details concerning the network, its known and suspected members and the efforts to date mounted against it by whatever Austrian security elements are involved to permit a professional assessment as to just what--if anything--it is that the Austrians really have here. From the admittedly skeletal information on the network provided to date, it sounded like something out of the immediate postwar era. Indeed, if the network actually does exist and is being run by the RIS as an authentic intelligence mechanism, it probably grew out of the known intensive efforts to build such mechanisms the Soviets undertook during the occupation of Austria. One can safely assume the Soviets have not dropped agents recruited during those years whom it still finds of any use. We shall solicit more detailed comments from the competent Headquarters elements after the 513th's detailed reporting has been received here.

2. The question of RIS "old timer" agents brings to mind the name of the redoubtable Willi HOETTL, long active in Linz and Salzburg and equally long suspected of being an RIS agent. ALLADLE has confirmed that HOETTL was in fact a Soviet agent of long standing; presumably he is still active. HOETTL turned out to be identical with the Soviet agent whom OKRIYABIN knew only as

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"CHUEKA," describing him as the highest-paid RIB agent he knew of (DEALYABE's role via-a-via "CHUEKA" was limited to making the arrangements for meetings in Vienna between him and his case officer). We plan to tackle the voluminous files available here on MOGTTL in an effort to provide you a useful summary of KUBARK's knowledge about him.

1. We trust an equity for KUBARK in this connection will eventually be found as the result of the RIB's further revelations of its knowledge about the alleged network in Lima. For future reference, we should like to draw your attention to the fact that the Headquarters traces you have received in Reference C reflect close to three weeks' work on the part of one of the Branch's experienced IAs. This is not intended as an indirect complaint. We do and unquestionably should above the tracing requirements levied on us by the Station as entirely our proper function. Nonetheless, a simple truth is that our manpower is not unlimited, and extensive tracing performed within the PERALPALT context can only be carried out to some extent at the cost of timeliness in our tracing of other names of direct, collateral interest to the Station.

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